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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the transferability of free deer hunting
2 licenses for use on farm units.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 483A.24, subsection 2, paragraph c, Code
2 2022, is amended to read as follows:

3 c. Upon written application on forms furnished by the
4 department, the department shall issue annually without fee two
5 deer hunting licenses, one antlered or any sex deer hunting
6 license and one antlerless deer only deer hunting license, to
7 the owner of a farm unit or a member of the owner's family,
8 but only a total of two licenses for both, and to the tenant
9 of a farm unit or a member of the tenant's family, but only a
10 total of two licenses for both. A person receiving an any sex
11 deer hunting license under this paragraph may transfer the any
12 sex deer hunting license, including by sale, to any person,
13 including a nonresident, with a valid hunting license who has
14 paid the habitat fee. The deer hunting licenses issued shall
15 be valid only for use on the farm unit for which the applicant
16 applies pursuant to this paragraph, even if the license is
17 subsequently transferred. The owner or the tenant need not
18 reside on the farm unit to qualify for the free deer hunting
19 licenses to hunt on that farm unit. The free deer hunting
20 licenses issued pursuant to this paragraph shall be valid and
21 may be used during any bow or firearm deer hunting season. The
22 licenses may be used to harvest deer in two different seasons.
23 In addition, a person who receives a free deer hunting license
24 pursuant to this paragraph shall pay a one dollar fee for each
25 license that shall be used and is appropriated for the purpose
26 of deer herd population management, including assisting with
27 the cost of processing deer donated to the help us stop hunger
28 program administered by the commission.

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EXPLANATION

30 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
31 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

32 This bill relates to the transferability of free deer
33 hunting licenses for use on farm units.

34 Under current law, an owner of a farm unit, a tenant of
35 the farm unit, or a family member of the owner or tenant,

1 all of whom must be residents, may apply for up to two free
2 deer hunting licenses, one antlered or any sex deer hunting
3 license and one antlerless deer only deer hunting license. The
4 licenses are valid only for use on the farm unit for which the
5 applicant applied.

6 The bill authorizes a person who received a free any sex
7 deer hunting license for use on the farm unit to transfer
8 the license, including by sale, to any person, including a
9 nonresident, who has a valid hunting license and has paid the
10 habitat fee. Even if a license is transferred to a person who
11 is not an owner, tenant, or family member, the license is valid
12 only for use on the farm unit for which the applicant applied.